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Customer No. 22,852
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
ALAIN BETHUNE et al.) Group Art Unit: 1734
Application No. 09/506,795) Examiner: G. Koch
Filed: February 18, 2000) Confirmation No.: 8040
For: MATERIAL SUPPLY STRIP,)
SYSTEM, AND METHOD OF)
APPLYING PIECES OF MATERIAL)
TO OBJECTS)

Commissioner for Patents
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REQUEST FOR RETURN OF INITIALED FORM PTO 1449

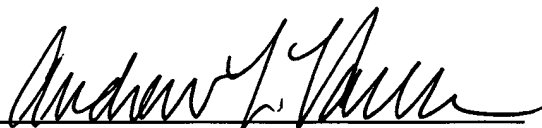
On April 2, 2004, Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c). Subsequently, Applicants received an Office Action dated September 22, 2004, but did not receive a copy of the form PTO 1449 enclosed with the IDS with initials indicating that the Examiner considered the cited references.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner provide Applicants undersigned attorney with an initialed copy of the form PTO 1449 submitted with the IDS filed on April 2, 2004. Enclosed is a copy of as-filed IDS, including the form PTO 1449, for the Examiner's reference.

Respectfully submitted,

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